

# CERTHIA MURARIA.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Rostrum* arcuatum, tenue, subtrigonum, acutum.

*Lingua* acuta.

*Pedes* ambulatorii.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 184.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

CERTHIA cinerea, alis caudaque nigris; tectricibus roseis, remigibus roseo marginatis.

CERTHIA cinerea, macula alarum fulva.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 184.

PICUS muralis.

*Gesn. av.* p. 712.

PICUS murarius.

*Aldr. av.* 1. p. 851.

*Will. orn.* p. 99. t. 23.

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Italiam sibi fedem præcipuam selegit *Certhia muraria*; rara tamen et ibi; in reliqua Europa longe rarior. In muris turrium aliorumque ædificiorum, ut plurimum, solet reptare, necem parans insectis. Solivaga est avis, nec unquam volat gregatim. Maris guttur stria seu fascia nigra distinguitur. Ostenditur in tabula naturalis magnitudo.

THE  
WALL CREEPER.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Bill* slender, incurvated, sharp-pointed.

*Tongue* differing in the different species.

*Toes* three before; one behind: claws hooked and long.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Grey CREEPER, with black wings and tail; the coverts rose-coloured; the quills edged with rose-colour.

The WALL-CREEPER, or Spider-catcher.

*Will. orn.* p. 143. t. 23.

Le GRIMPEREAU de muraille.

*Buf. ois.* 5. p. 487. t. 22.

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The *Certhia Muraria* or Wall Creeper may be considered as one of the rarer European birds, being very little known in any other country except Italy; and even there it is by no means common. It principally frequents towers and other edifices, creeping about the walls in quest of insects. It is a bird of a solitary nature, and is never seen in flocks. The male is distinguished by a black stripe or longitudinal patch on the throat. The plate represents it in its natural size.

